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OTOLITHS

Figure 9. Examples of otoliths from a variety of fish.

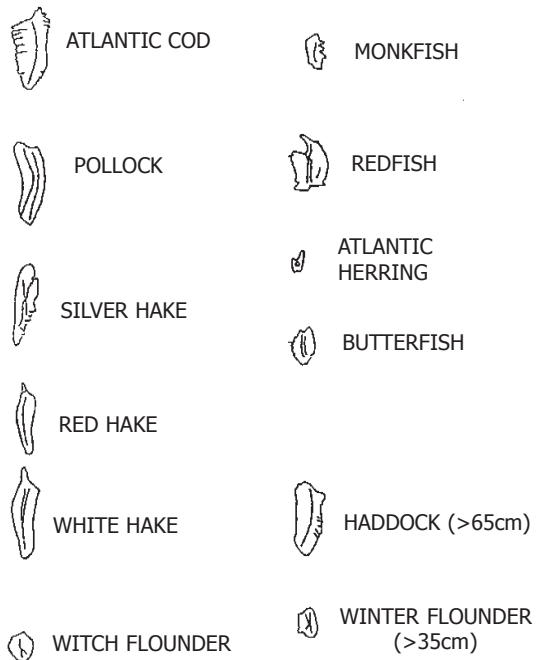
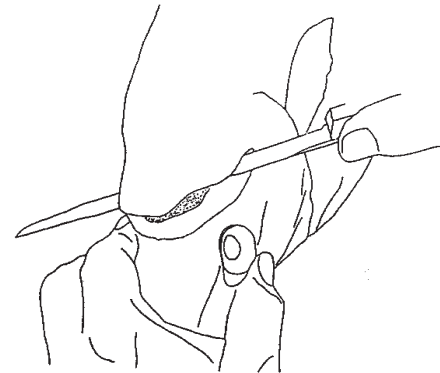


Figure 10. Standard method of dissecting a fish skull to remove otoliths.

Location and direction of initial cut.



Location of otoliths within the skull.

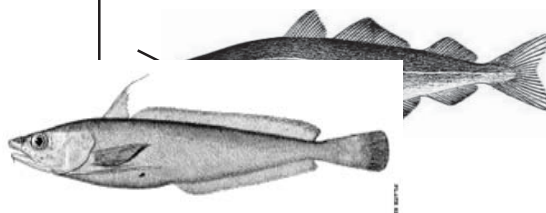


Figure 11. Location and angle of the necessary cut to remove otoliths/vertebrae from various fish.

Most fish, for example:

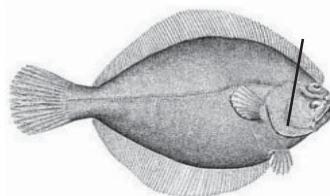


Atlantic Cod

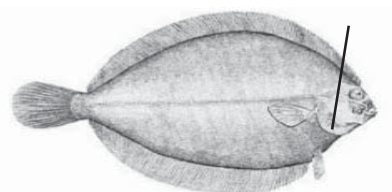


White Hake

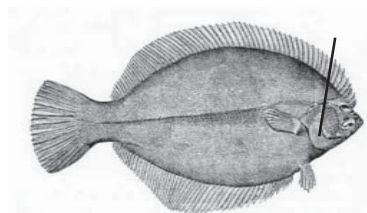
Flounders:



American Plaice

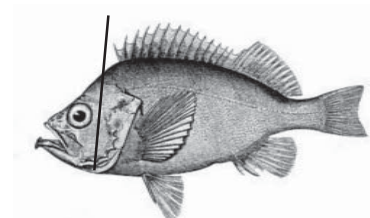


Witch Flounder

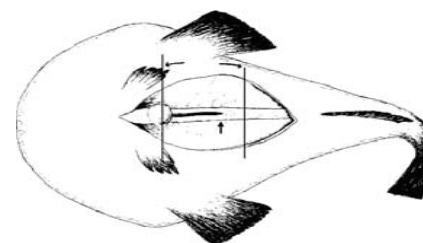


Winter Flounder

Other fish:



Redfish



Monkfish
(Vertebrae)

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